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Dear [redacted]

Gillingham War Memorial, junction of Brompton Road and Mill Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 1HL

I am writing to let you know that Historic England is considering the above war memorial for addition to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest ('The List'), as part of our response to the centenary of the First World War. We understand that you are the owner of the memorial and would be grateful if you could let us know if this is not the case.

War memorials are among the most tangible and precious reminders of the sacrifices made by communities during the First World War, and the government is committed to seeing all the nation's memorials placed in a good state of repair by 2018. As part of this, Historic England, acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, has resolved that over the period 2014-18 it will greatly increase the number of memorials which are listed.

You can learn more about listing and the different types of war memorial on our website at http://www.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/types-of-war-memorial/

The Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has a duty to compile and maintain the List, and Historic England acts as the Government's statutory adviser on the historic environment with responsibility for listing. It therefore falls to us to assess whether Gillingham War Memorial holds special architectural or historic interest, before making a recommendation to the Secretary of State as to whether the memorial should be on the List.

Listing helps us to mark a building's significance and celebrate its special architectural and historic interest. It brings specific protection so that its special interest can be properly considered in managing its future. Listing does not mean, however, that no alterations can be made - in fact in the vast majority of cases applications to make changes to a listed building are approved. Further information about listed buildings can be found on the 'Your Home' pages of our website.

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We are now beginning our assessment of the memorial. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have about this process. If you would like to provide information or comments about the architectural or historic interest of the memorial at this stage, please send these to me by email or post.

Once we have carried out the preliminary assessment we will be in touch again to send you a copy of our consultation report. This report will set out the factual information on which we will base our recommendation. At that stage you will again be invited to make any comments you wish to about the architectural or historic interest of the memorial. We will consider all representations made before finalising our assessment and making our recommendation to the Secretary of State. We will notify you of the Secretary of State's decision in due course.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on [redacted], quoting our reference 1432975. Further information can also be found on our website at www.historicengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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